IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

C.W.P. No.18679 of 2007
Date of decision: December 11,2007

Naresh Sehgal V. State of Punjab and others

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE J.S.KHEHAR
HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SHAM SUNDER

Present: Mr. R.K.Arora, Advocate, for the petitioner.

J.S.Khehar,J.(Oral)

Learned counsel for the petitioner has invited the court's attention to the order passed on 3.2.2006, in C.O.C.P. No.179 of 2000, filed by the petitioner herself, wherein liberty was granted to the petitioner to challenge the action of the State Government before an appropriate forum. In the aforesaid context, it is the contention of the learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner issued a legal notice dated 7.2.2006 (annexure P/8) in furtherance of the aforesaid liberty granted to the petitioner wherein the petitioner claimed stepping up of pay equivalent to the wages being paid to one of the petitioner's junior, Balbir Kaur. It is, however, pointed out that no decision has been taken thereon by the respondents till date. Learned counsel for the petitioner states that the petitioner will be satisfied if the instant writ petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2, i.e. the Director Public Instructions (Secondary Education),Punjab requiring him to take a final decision on the legal notice dated 17.2.2006 (Annexure P/8).

In view of the above, without going into the merits of the

claim raised by the petitioner, we consider it just and appropriate to dispose of the instant writ petition with a direction to respondent No.2. i.e. Director Public Instructions (Secondary Education), Punjab to take a final decision on the legal notice dated 17.2.2006 (Annexure P/8) by passing a well reasoned speaking order within two months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order. In case the petitioner is found entitled to any monetary benefits, the same shall be calculated and released to the petitioner within a further period of one month.

Disposed of accordingly.

Order dasti on payment of usual charges.

(J.S. Khehar)
Judge

December 11,2007 (Sham Sunder)
sks Judge